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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES \$2 MILLION FOR HIGHWAY 50/HIGHWAY 115 PENROSE EXIT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Chairman of the Senate Housing and Transportation Subcommittee, has secured \$2 million for improvements to Highway 50 in the final version of the transportation authorization bill that emerged from a conference committee on Wednesday. The transportation bill is expected to be approved by the House and Senate by Friday and signed into law by President Bush early next week.

The bill provides \$2 million to make safety improvements at the Penrose exit of Highway 50 and Highway 115 in Fremont County.

Senator Allard was a member of the House-Senate Conference Committee that ironed out differences between the U.S. House and Senate versions of the transportation legislation and secured a total of \$110 million for specific transportation projects.

“Improving Highway 50 will be an enormous benefit for those who reside in Cañon City, Florence, Penrose and southern Colorado,” Senator Allard said. “U.S. 50 is an important alternative route to Interstate 70 across the state, so it’s important that we make the necessary upgrades to make traveling on Highway 50 safer and less congested.”

“My conference committee appointment put me in the position to ensure that this project was included the final version of the bill,” Senator Allard said. “I felt it was important that communities whose transportation needs have previously been ignored or not made a priority, be made a priority.”

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